A Youth Work Project

The young people were interested in playing indoor soccer. As a result of this the youth worker, in conjunction with an Indoor Sports Centre, organised a 12 week competition.

The program was designed to meet the needs of young men aged between 12 – 18 years of age. As a result of the program five young people were linked in with a local soccer club for under 14’s juniors.

Due to the ongoing interest of the young men three teams of up to 22 players are participating in a weekly indoor soccer competition. The age group of the young men are from 13 – 27 years of age. They are predominantly East Timorese asylum seekers. The older players are role models for the young players where they have a mixed group of ages playing. The teams support each other as spectators when they are not competing at the same time.

The youth worker observed the way the team members interact, their team work, playing competition and enjoying themselves. The young men have the opportunity to develop and enhance their skills in confidence building, self esteem, team work and being active participants.